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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle suspension system comprising:
a stabilizer bar for a vehicle wheel;
at least one bushing positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said passive structure for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar; and
~~at least one said~~ passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer, said outer layer being substantially harder than said inner layer, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
 2. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one passive structure is a void.
 3. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 2 wherein said stabilizer bar compresses said void as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
 4. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 3 wherein said void is teardrop shaped.
 5. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 3 wherein said void is arc shaped.

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6. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 3 wherein said void is bone shaped.
7. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 3 wherein said void is wish bone shaped.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one passive structure is an insert, said stabilizer bar pressing onto said insert as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
10. (Original) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein a mounting bracket is positioned over said at least one bushing to secure said stabilizer bar to a vehicle frame.
11. (Original) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one bushing is made of rubber.
12. (Original) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said passive structure extends along a length of said bushing.

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13. (Currently Amended) A vehicle suspension system comprising:
a stabilizer bar connected to a vehicle wheel;
a vehicle frame;
at least one bushing made of rubber positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said passive structure extending along a length of said bushing and interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar, said stabilizer bar secured to said frame by a mounting bracket positioned over said at least one bushing; and
at least one ~~said~~ passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer, said outer layer being substantially harder than said inner layer, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
14. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 13 wherein said at least one passive structure is a void.
15. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 14 wherein said stabilizer bar compresses said void as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Withdrawn) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 13 wherein said at least one passive structure is an insert, said stabilizer bar pressing onto said insert as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A vehicle ~~suspension system~~ stabilizer bar assembly comprising:

a stabilizer bar for a vehicle wheel; and

at least one bushing positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said passive structure for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar by axially twisting of said passive structure relative to said stabilizer bar.

20. (Currently Amended) The vehicle ~~suspension system~~ stabilizer bar assembly of claim 19 wherein axially twisting of said passive structure increases the level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.

21. (New) The vehicle suspension system of claim 19 wherein said passive structure has an inner layer and an outer layer, said inner layer softer than said outer layer to increase the level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar as said passive structure axially twists.
